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Interview with Commanders of the Şehit Serkan Battalion

You have been part of the resistance in Til Temir, Kobanê, the Tabqa line, and other areas in the Euphrates Region. Can you give us an assessment of the current situation in the defense?

Eylem Sarin: After the invasion attacks on Minbij, Til Rifat, and Shahba, there was a certain level of demoralization within our forces. The situation developed so rapidly that it was difficult to predict what

would happen next. Especially on the fronts of Tîşrîn and Qereqozak, we experienced negatives such as disorganization, which led to high casualties and loss of contact with some of our units. However, with reinforcements and new assignments, we successfully repelled the enemy's attacks and pushed forward. Most of the lost positions were recaptured. The retreat of the enemy forces helped us regain our moral superiority. The shift from defense to active offense had a positive impact on the entire unit. Additionally, the strong commitment of the people was, without a doubt, the greatest motivation for the armed forces.

In this situation of resistance, our people should first and foremost recognize that Tayyip Erdoğan and his gangs, who threaten Rojava daily, have been unable to advance even a single step on the Qereqozak, Tîşrîn, or Dayr Hafir fronts for over a month now. They have failed to break our resistance.

There is only one road leading to these areas of resistance, and it is constantly monitored and attacked by enemy reconnaissance aircraft. Despite this, the resistance continues undeterred. This has led to

what can be called a Tîşrîn-Qereqozak syndrome among the enemy forces.

These two fronts play a particularly important role in the defense of the Euphrates Region and Kobanê specifically. Had the enemy been able to break through the defensive positions there, it would have opened up the possibility for them to threaten Kobanê from both the east and west fronts and prepare an attack. But thanks to the successful defense, they were forced to seek alternative routes.

The war continues, particularly on the Tîşrîn and Qereqozak fronts. In terms of military technology, one noticeable aspect is the use of new vehicles. What progress do you think the QSD has made in this field?

Dilşêr Serhed: Rojava's long-standing embargo has always been an obstacle to improving our military technology. However, the QSD has made significant progress in recent years, especially in the use of drones. This has been achieved with both helicopter and fixed-wing drones. It's important to note that all of this has been created through the creativity and available resources of our revolutionary army.

The use of Brusk drones might seem late to some, but one must consider the embargo situation. While our allies initially had difficulties with precision and control in deploying drones, they quickly improved through practical experience in the field. In a short time, dozens of fighters, especially with Kamikaze drones, have gained years of expertise. As far as we can see, this has caused fear and concern among the enemy forces.

Once we started targeting the simplest air attack tools they used against us, we were able to disrupt their plans, from logistical supply lines to ground offensives. This boosted the morale of our fighters.

The fact that Turkish UCAVs are being shot down between Rojava and the guerrilla areas, and the enemy still has no countermeasures to our methods, proves that our networks and organizational quality today are far beyond where we were in the past. Of course, there are still technical aspects we need to develop further.

In this regard, we have established a system where we learn new things and draw experiences from the past. We are confident that our people will be able to apply new



techniques and tactics across all battlefields in the future.

How do you see the future of the resistance in terms of its military successes, and what is your message to the people of North and East Syria?

Eylem Sarîn: Military successes become significant when they are linked with political successes. In this respect, our revolution is making great efforts in all areas. We, as fighters who have taken on tasks in defending our revolution, must take on much more responsibility in expanding and developing its achievements.

The more we fulfill our responsibilities on the battlefield, the stronger our revolution will become. In this current phase of resistance, we are witnessing the writing of new epics. Our people do not yet know many



of these stories. Developments are progressing so rapidly that it is questionable what can be told now and what will remain for later. But what is important is that the experiences we are gathering during this phase will be preserved, and more will be added in the future.

There is no reason to be intoxicated by victory at this moment. The ground we stand on is the land of the revolution, and in these areas, which we are defending at the cost of our lives, we had to make sacrifices and pay the price for their defense many years ago. The war is still being fought today for the same reasons as it was back then.

What is your message to the peoples

of the region and the world from the fronts defending the Rojava Revolution?

Dilşer Serhed: The war continues, and it will likely expand further. All events in the Middle East and various regions of the world are still preparing the ground for a third world war. These events are unfolding before the eyes of the world's peoples.

Everyone can see that the fascist Turkish colonial state, which is attacking Rojava under the banner of hatred against Kurds, is collaborating with jihadist, anti-Alawite, and women-murdering gangs. Those who have not yet understood that our struggle is just should carefully

observe the embrace between Hakan Fidan and Golani, and then between Hakan Fidan and Barzani. They should draw lessons from this and see who is fighting for what. Our peoples will only be able to breathe freely in their own countries to the extent that they understand and defend the Rojava revolution.

Our war is not only against the Turkish state and its gangs, who occupy our lands; it is also against the poor millions in Turkey who go to bed hungry, the massacred Kolbers in Rojhilat, the millions condemned to die of hunger in Bas-hûrê-Kurdistan, the murdered and disappeared Alawites in Latakia, and the women who are ignored, murdered, and sexually abused in many parts of the region. We must not forget this. As our revolution grows, the colonial, fascist, and occupying order will be destroyed.

Our call to the peoples of the Middle East and the world is as follows: Just as the developments of resistance in Kobanê should not have deterred you from embracing all of Rojava, today it is crucial to take to the streets and use all legal or illegal means and forms of action. We are faced with the necessity of putting the liquidation and genocide at-

tacks against Rojava on the global agenda.

Eylem Sarîn: The ISIS gangs do not only want to stifle our women's revolution in Rojava; they are preparing to establish a politically Islamist, fascist, and misogynistic system. Our resistance in Tişrîn and Qereqozak is thwarting all of these reactionary plans. The self-defense units established by the peoples of Rojava and the support offered to the revolutionary fighters have gone down in the history of the revolution. The vigils at the border of Bakurê-Kurdistan and the marches to the border line have become symbols of the ideological unity of our people.

Such times also reveal such a strong will. We need more of that. Our call is essentially in this direction. All the peoples of the Middle East and the world must position themselves according to this reality. The urgency of developments should be addressed everywhere, and everyone should strive to intensify the practice of struggle.

Victory cannot be achieved without great battles. It is time for all those who call themselves patriots, revolutionaries, and democrats to fight for a free future.

Notes from the Tişrîn Resistance Zone

For over a month, the YPJ (Women's Protection Units) and the QSD (SDF - Syrian Democratic Forces) have been fighting with unwavering determination against the Turkish occupation state and the FSA (Free Syrian Army) gangs around the Tişrîn Dam and in Qereqozak. The people of Rojava, defending their revolutionary lands and living spaces against the invaders, pay a heavy price every day, but the resistance remains unbroken.

Diren Zeryan, one of the fighters who joined this resistance, wrote a letter titled *Resistance Notes* on January 3. She describes the resistance and events surrounding the murder of journalists Cihan Bilgin and Nazım Daştan, who gave their lives in the struggle:

"Hello, how are you? I greet you from the bottom of my heart. We are doing well. The gangs trying to advance are suffering heavy blows. Especially around the Tişrîn Dam, there are constant fierce clashes. The resistance of the YPJ and the SDF against the gangs, who attempt to break through with reconnaissance attacks and heavy weapons,

is immense. All attacks have been repelled, and the resistance continues to hold strong.

I had the chance to meet Nazım and Cihan. Just a few minutes after our conversation, they were murdered. They were specifically targeted, and it was our responsibility to recover their bodies. We will carry their fight forward – on our shoulders, in our hearts.

History has shown once again that the fascist gangs under Erdogan, despite all their military superiority – with dozens of reconnaissance planes, fighter jets, tanks, and rockets – and despite many fallen and wounded, are being defeated. After the resistance in Kobanê, I never imagined that such resistance could emerge again. But even unarmed people took the weapons from the bodies of the gangs and went to war, just like the resistance fighters in Spain who shouted, No pasarán.

The gang, which tried to massacre the entire population of North and East Syria and loot the revolutionary areas, met an insurmountable wall of resistance. And this resistance will not cease.

What is happening here is not a story from a novel or a movie scenario – it is reality. On one side are the mothers, who prepare tons of food every day, so that, in their words, 'our children on the front don't starve'. On the other side are those who organize the martyrs' funerals, preparing for the next farewell. On one side are the journalists, who, regardless of their own lives, carry the resistance to the world. On the other side are those who, as fighters for truth, write the history of the resistance – without fear of enemy attacks.

All these people are part of the resistance.

Revolutionary people's war is not just about running to the front with a weapon in hand. Our entire people say: 'There is something for everyone to do.' They stand alongside those who defend and shape the revolution with weapons. From the resistance committees that secure the streets, to the logisticians who transport ammunition, to those who bring the wounded to the hospital. While the fighters engage the enemy, sometimes they must lift the mutilated bodies of their comrades. All of this happens right before my eyes.

I know that there is no place for sentimentality now. I know where to direct my anger and hatred. The enemy stands right before me. Unfortunately, sometimes the range of our weapons is not enough to defeat him completely. But we don't retreat – we gather ourselves, we strike back, and we take revenge. Just as the Euphrates protects us, we trust it – and it trusts us. We are like the Euphrates – always in motion and in harmony with one another.

I remember the day our comrades Ahmet and Firat fell. That day, when the fascist Turkish state dealt us another heavy blow. But today, we aim the weapons we took from them at the enemy. We will not let him advance. This is our revenge for them.

I promise you with all my heart: your blood will not go unavenged. Each of us will become Ahmet and Firat and will fight the enemy to defend our values and achievements.

I am convinced that we will win this fight. With pride and honor, we stand in the midst of war, with the firm determination to fight until our last breath – alongside our party, on the road to victory.

January 3, 2025"

We Can Protect Our Revolution by Fighting and Resisting



Since the beginning of the attacks, we, as Communists in Rojava, have adhered to our duties more than ever. In cities like Qamişlo, Hesekê, and especially Kobanê, we continue our work in self-defense, organization, and many other areas without interruption.

For the past 12 years, we have faced all kinds of occupation and annihilation attacks from the fascist Turkish occupying state against our women's revolution in Rojava. We have paid a heavy price to defend our revolution, our women's revolution, and all its achievements, and we will continue to do so.

There are certain historical periods in which epics, poems, folk songs,

hymns, or dirges are written about resistance and war. Today, we are living through such a historical moment of epic resistance. Despite the ongoing attacks from the ruling powers, imperialists, and occupiers, the oppressed—Kurds, Arabs, Armenians, Assyrians, Arameans, women, men, young and old—are united to defend the revolution. They internalize the slogan: QSD em'în, em ê şoreşa xwe biparêzin – We are the QSD, we will defend our revolution. This is because the different nations and religious groups, who were divided for years by the Baath regime's policies, have realized that a fraternal and equal life is possible. Women have recognized that a world in which they can freely decide and determine their own fate, where they can speak out on politics and war, is indeed possible. As those who strive for a free, equal, and just life, we have always defended our revolution against those who seek to bring back the era of slavery, and we will defend it again. The occupation and destruction attacks by the fascist Turkish occupying state have not stopped us in the last 12 years. In the end, we have

emerged stronger from all these attacks. We firmly believe that this will be the case again.

Right now, we see that the occupation attacks on the Tîşrîn-Qereqozak line have been ongoing without interruption for a month. In these attacks, we have lost dozens of our heroic fighters. Journalists Cihan Bilgin and Nazım Daştan, who sought to expose the enemy's dirty war attacks, were murdered in these treacherous assaults. Children who are left without parents, young people who fight selflessly to protect their families and their land, women, men, grandparents, and children aged 6-12 who stand every day at memorials for their martyrs... These are the realities that shape our revolution.

It is true that we have suffered great pain. But our mass work during this time has shown very clearly that this suffering has only strengthened our anger against the fascist, reactionary, occupying, patriarchal system and against the gangs with an ISIS mentality. This motivates us to expand and strengthen our organization. As Communists in Rojava, we have taken our duties more seriously than ever since the beginning of these attacks. In our cities like Qamişlo, Hesekê, and especially in Kobanê, we continue

our activities in self-defense and organization without interruption.

The popular demonstrations in support of the QSD and YPJ have clearly communicated the message to both our friends and our enemies: Our army is very strong. As a people, we stand behind our army. We are with them, and we will support them until the end. The enthusiasm of the masses was one of the most important facts showing that their connection with the revolution is alive and dynamic.

During this time, we focused in Qamişlo on self-defense training, ideological discussions, and analyses of the political process as part of defending the revolution. In this context, we organized a series of house meetings. In some neighborhoods, we formed teams of the People's Defense Corps (HPC) that will take responsibility in exceptional situations. We organized and carried out their training.

As part of the general mobilization, we, as the Revolutionary Communist Movement (TKŞ), Revolutionary Communist Women (JKŞ), and Revolutionary Communist Youth (CKŞ), carried out various actions and events, experimenting with different styles and methods. Especially the weapons training, organized by the women of JKŞ

and conducted with women of all ages, attracted great interest. Today, women in Rojava see it as an urgent necessity to deepen their relationship with weapons more than ever in order to strengthen their self-defense and protect the achievements of the women's revolution.

Here, too, we, as members of TKŞ and JKŞ, have seen the special role that our house visits in Qamişlo played for the people during this time. We launched pilot projects in specific neighborhoods to expose the fake news and dirty war propaganda of the fascist Turkish state and its supporters. In these discussions, we aimed to enable people to examine and analyze the current process from a revolutionary perspective. We saw that the house meetings made an important contribution to properly interpreting this process and setting concrete tasks.

The HTS gangs are imposing a reactionary, patriarchal Sharia policy on women in Syria. There are also murders and torture of religious minorities such as Alawites, Christians, Druze, and others. It was crucial to understand and interpret these events correctly so that we could take the appropriate actions. It is the duty of Commu-

nists to warn the peoples of the Middle East, and especially Syria, of the dangers they will face in the coming period. Furthermore, we must protect the peoples, promote their organization, and call for unity so that they can withstand these dangers. In this context, several meetings took place with various parties and organizations.

On the one hand, we are still trying to heal the wounds of the families who were forced to flee Shahba and Til Rifat for the second time. On the other hand, we are preparing, with all the means at our disposal, to defend ourselves against any forthcoming attack. The tunnels, the nightmare of the jihadist gangs, stand as important defense positions against all attacks.

Every comrade, every fighter who falls, makes our burden heavier. As Communists, who have long understood that we must pay a high price for the victory of the revolution, we are once again confronted with this reality today. We know and believe that where the darkness is most intense, the bright future will be near. The light, freedom, is ours. Victory will belong to those who resist oppression, fight, and stand firm. There is no other way.

A letter from Roza Rojava

Let's Embrace the Gains of the Rojava Revolution!

Let's Defend the Women's Revolution!

The Rojava Revolution is a fire of rebellion and a torch of hope for women in the Middle East, in the midst of the most aggressive, most slavish strongholds of patriarchy in the region based on oppressive, colonialist, fascist regimes and unbridled bourgeois patriarchal states. The Rojava Revolution, which also developed as a women's revolution, is the achievement of all the women of the world.

The Rojava revolution, in which hundreds of women fighters sacrificed their lives with the ideals of national liberation, women's freedom and equality, developed a great people's army against the rapist, slavish, political Islamist fascist Daesh, the invasion attacks of the fascist colonialist Turkish capitalist state and the collaborator gangs it organized and directed. The revolution raised the women's army and women's self-defense. In Rojava and Northern Syria, it has lived for years under fascist, despotic rule of various male reigns, the last of which was formed by ISIS, and has maintained women's councils, women's institutions, women's justice, co-presidency system with great



persistence and will in all areas and administrative structures, including the regions where patriarchal reactionary social traditions are most dominant.

Today, fascist colonialism under Erdoğan has once again mobilized all its power and capacity to destroy the Rojava Revolution and overthrow the popular power. He is giving orders to HTS. It is waging war through a gang of collaborator fascist traitors called SMO. It directly engages in massacre attacks. It is increasing the buildup around Rojava for genocidal occupation. It threatens the Kurdish people and the Rojava revolution with "either surrender or genocide". Women of all ages from the peoples of Rojava and Northern Syria are responding

to this colonialist fascist arrogance by resisting with weapons in hand and forming new defense battalions.

The Rojava revolution is one of the most important obstacles for Erdogan's fascist chiefdom regime to intensify and spread fascist state terror and massacres in order to achieve the grave silence it aims in Turkey and Bakur Kurdistan, to continue its attacks on the women's liberation struggle even more unbridled, to cross out all the legal gains of the women's liberation struggle with great arrogance, such as exiting the Istanbul Convention with a single signature, and to unleash male violence on the streets.

The fascist chief, who threatened Rojava and the Kurdistan freedom struggle with "either you will surrender or we will destroy", declared 2025 as the "Year of the Family" in the same days. One of the most current bases on which he connects these plans to turn women into a birth tool to provide more exploited labor force, a larger army of hungry, miserable, poor, miserable unemployed to force workers into slavish submission, more soldiers for the army of murderers for more aggressive colonial and expansionist regional policies, and to organize a family system that will keep

the masses of workers and laborers, youth and women under control, is the threat and aggression against the Rojava Revolution.

The Rojava Revolution will not be defeated, no matter what threats the colonialist fascist regime makes. It will once again defeat the denialist, colonialist, occupying, male-dominated, fascist tyranny directed against it.

As KKÖ, we will never lower the flag of KKÖ fighters Sibel Bulut, Ivana Hoffmann, Ayşe Deniz Karacagil, Sevda Çağdaş, who were immortalized while defending the Rojava Revolution and what it brought to the women of Rojava and the whole world, we will defend the Rojava revolution. We will defeat colonialism and its fascist, racist political Islamist collaborators and allies.

We call on all women in Turkey and Bakur Kurdistan and all over the world, who want freedom, who struggle for equality and justice, to raise solidarity with the Rojava Revolution!

**Long live our Rojava Revolution!
Long Live the Women's Revolution!**

Jin Jiyan Azadi!

Rojava Will Never Fall!

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Women's Leadership



The Fascist Liquidation Plan of the Turkish State and the Alleged Negotiations with the Kurdish Liberation Movement

In January of this year, a significant meeting took place between the delegation of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) and the leader of the Kurdish people, Abdullah Öcalan. This long-awaited meeting has a major impact on the political situation in Turkey and beyond. Following this meeting, Öcalan released a seven-point plan addressing the political future of the Kurdish question and the “process.” However, as so often in the history of this conflict, the path to a solution does not lie in state negotiations. The Turkish fascist state pursues colonial in-

terests and a plan to liquidate all freedom struggles.

The Fascist Turkish State and Its Geopolitical Expansionist Ambitions

The Turkish state, under the leadership of the AKP regime and its ultranationalist partners, follows a clear plan: the liquidation of the Kurdish national-democratic movement, especially the Rojava Revolution, the crushing of the revolutionary movement, and the establishment of regional colonial rule. Since the recent developments in Syria, where the jihadist fascist

HTS took power in Damascus, the Turkish state has intensified its military and geopolitical ambitions.

With the support of Western imperialists and colonialists such as the USA, the UK, and Israel, Turkey is not only pursuing an aggressive foreign policy against Syria but is also focused on smashing the Kurdish liberation movement in Rojava and beyond. The developments in Rojava, and the instability of the current situation—which offers opportunities for many parties—also pose direct threats to the colonial interests of the Turkish colonial state. Turkish fascism fears that a successful democratic revolution in northeastern Syria, with achievements for the Kurdish people, could not only threaten regional stability but also serve as a model for other Kurdish regions in Turkey and Iran. For this reason, the Turkish colonial state is systematically attacking the Kurdish liberation movement and the achievements of the Kurdish people beyond its own borders.

The “Process” and Liquidation Plans

The so-called process, the peace negotiations that began in 2013 and collapsed in 2015, has altered the dynamics of the political landscape in Turkey. However, in the current context, there can be no

talk of a peace process. The ruling class in Turkey, from the bourgeois government to the parliamentary bourgeois opposition, pretends to advocate for a resolution of the conflict, but in reality, their intentions are deeply shaped by social-chauvinistic and colonialist ambitions. The Republican People’s Party (CHP), for example, aligns itself with the hegemonic interests of the Turkish state and is ready to submit to the colonialist objectives of the government.

While the government and its nationalist partners push forward their liquidation plans, there is a dangerous trend of confusion or abandonment within parts of the working-class left. Some factions of the left in Turkey accuse the Kurdish liberation movement of having made a “deal with the AKP” and position themselves against the legitimate demands for a collective right to self-determination. This stance is not only social-chauvinist but also a form of betrayal of the revolutionary principles that are central to the liberation of all oppressed peoples.

For another part of the working-class left and the democratic movements of Turkey, it is crucial not to lose oneself in the illusion

of “mediation” and a “peaceful solution.” Fascism, as currently represented by Erdoğan and Bahçeli, can offer no solution. It is a terror regime that relies on coercion and demagoguery to secure its colonial interests. Their call for “unity” between Turks and Kurds is nothing more than a demagogic tactic to split resisting forces and strengthen the internal fascist front.

The Necessity of a Revolutionary Perspective

In this situation, it is crucial that democratic forces take the initiative and oppose the bourgeois liquidation attempts of the fascist Turkish state. This means fighting for the collective rights of the Kurdish people, ending the isolation of Abdullah Öcalan, demanding the removal of appointed trustees in municipalities, and calling for the return of democratically elected mayors.

The Kurdish national liberation struggle is not an isolated issue but a central political question for all those interested in the liberation of oppressed peoples and the dismantling of the imperialist system. A resolution to the conflict can only be achieved if the Kurdish question is not considered a secondary issue, but rather a fundamental question

for the social and political transformation of the entire region.

The Path to Liberation

It is clear that the “process” is being used by the fascists in Turkey not as a means of collective liberation, but as a plan to liquidate the Kurdish movement. The politics of “peace” and “solution” are, in reality, a tactic with which the fascist regime seeks to enforce the immediate disarmament of the Kurdish freedom guerrillas—its strongest opponents. The greatest danger in this situation is that the oppressed peoples, and particularly the Kurdish movement, are lured into a false hope for peace and resolution, while fascism continues its multifaceted attacks.

The state’s tactic requires strong, organized resistance against fascism and its colonial plans. In the struggle for collective liberation and against the liquidation plans of fascism, forces must be united.

Our peoples have enough experience to know that the process only has a chance for change if they leave the position of passive observers and organize a determined fight for their rights and their future. Only through active international solidarity can the Kurdish movement and revolutionary forces achieve its freedom and defeat Turkish fascism.